

Orders in Council respecting Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Parliamentary Secretary of the Department of Militia and Defence, and Ministry of Overseas Military Forces.

P.C. 1719.

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AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT OTTAWA.

SATURDAY, the 15th day of July, 1916.

PRESENT:

THE DEPUTY OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

Whereas the Right Honourable the Prime Minister submits that by reason of the war his duties as Prime Minister and as Secretary of State for External Affairs have increased the demands upon his time and energies to such an extent that the efficient and prompt attendance to such duties makes necessary the assistance of a Parliamentary Under-Secretary;

Therefore the Deputy of the Governor General in Council is pleased to authorize and doth hereby authorize the appointment of a Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs during the continuance of the war.

The Deputy of the Governor General in Council, under and in virtue of the provisions of the War Measures Act, 1914, is further pleased to make the following orders and regulations and the same are hereby made and enacted accordingly:—

REGULATIONS RESPECTING THE PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

1. During the continuance of the present war the Governor in Council may from time to time appoint a Senator or a Member of the House of Commons to be Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

2. The Parliamentary Under-Secretary shall, with respect to the Department of External Affairs, perform such parliamentary duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Governor in Council.

3. The Parliamentary Under-Secretary shall, subject to such instructions as may from time to time be issued by competent authority, assist the Prime Minister in administering the Department of External Affairs, and may, subject to the approval of the Prime Minister, conduct such official communications between the Government of Canada and the Government of any other country in connection with the external affairs of Canada, and perform such other duties in the said department as from time to time may be directed.

4. In the absence of the Prime Minister, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary shall, subject to the direction and approval of the Acting Prime Minister for the time being, preside over and administer the Department of External Affairs; and in such case he shall have authority to report to and make recommendations to the Governor in Council through the Acting Prime Minister.

5. Until Parliament otherwise provide, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs shall hold his office, commission, or employment without any salary, fees, wages, allowances, emolument or other profit of any kind attached thereto.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,

*Clerk of the Privy Council.*



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P.C. 2576.

*Certified copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Administrator on the 21st October, 1916.*

The Committee of the Privy Council, on the recommendation of the Right Honourable Sir Robert Laird Borden, the Prime Minister, advise that, under the regulations established by the Order in Council of the 15th July (P.C. No 1719), Hugh Clark, member of the House of Commons for the Electoral District of North Bruce, be appointed Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, during the continuance of the present war.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,  
*Clerk of the Privy Council.*

P.C. 1720.

AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT OTTAWA.

SATURDAY, 15th day of July, 1916.

PRESENT:

THE DEPUTY OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

Whereas owing to the war the duties of the Minister of Militia and Defence have enormously increased, and frequently occasion his absence from the seat of Government as well when Parliament is in session as during the recess;

And whereas in the absence of the Minister of Militia and Defence it is often necessary to appoint a member of the Cabinet to act as Minister of Militia and Defence, and, as the same member of the Cabinet cannot always be so appointed, there is a great danger of a lack of uniformity and continuity in the oversight and administration of the Department of Militia and Defence.

Therefore the Deputy of His Royal Highness the Governor General in Council is pleased—during the continuance of the present war—to authorize the appointment of a Parliamentary Secretary who shall assist the Minister of Militia and Defence, and within certain limits shall act for him during his absence, and the said appointment is hereby authorized accordingly.

The Deputy of His Royal Highness the Governor General in Council, under the provisions of the War Measures Act, 1914, is further pleased to make and enact the following orders and regulations respecting the Parliamentary Secretary of the Department of Militia and Defence:—

1. During the continuance of the present war the Governor in Council may from time to time appoint a Senator or a Member of the House of Commons of Canada to be Parliamentary Secretary of the Department of Militia and Defence.

2. The Parliamentary Secretary shall, with respect to the Department of Militia and Defence, perform such parliamentary duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Governor in Council.

3. The Parliamentary Secretary shall *ex officio* be a member of the Militia Council, and in the absence of the Minister he shall act as chairman thereof.

4. In the absence of the Minister from Ottawa, the Parliamentary Secretary shall preside over and administer the Department of Militia and Defence, but he shall not make any change in the policy of the department without the authority of the Governor in Council.



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5. In the absence of the Minister of Militia and Defence, and subject to the approval of the Prime Minister, the Parliamentary Secretary shall have authority to report to and make recommendations to the Governor in Council through the Prime Minister.

6. The Parliamentary Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Governor in Council.

7. Until Parliament otherwise provide, the Parliamentary Secretary shall hold his office, commission, or employment without any salary, fees, wages, allowances, emolument or other profit of any kind attached thereto.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,

*Clerk of the Privy Council.*

P.C. 1730.

*Certified Copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by the Deputy of His Royal Highness the Governor General on the 19th July, 1916.*

The Committee of the Privy Council, on the joint recommendation of the Right Honourable the Prime Minister and the Minister of Militia and Defence, advise that, under the regulations established by the Order in Council (P.C. 1720), approved on the 15th day of July, 1916, Fleming Blanchard McCurdy, member of the House of Commons for the Electoral District of Shelburne and Queens, be appointed Parliamentary Secretary of the Department of Militia and Defence, during the continuance of the present war.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,

*Clerk of the Privy Council.*

P.C. 2651.

*Certified Copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Administrator on the 28th October, 1916.*

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report dated 26th October, 1916, from the Right Honourable the Prime Minister, submitting that he has had under consideration the subject of the administration of the overseas forces of Canada, and the direction and control of the expenditure abroad in connection therewith..

The Prime Minister states that in view of the unexpected length of the war and the unprecedented efforts which are being exerted by Canada in common with the rest of the Empire for the defence of His Majesty's Dominions, and which it is unnecessary here to recapitulate, it is apparent that adequate measures should be taken to provide for the situation which has arisen and is developing. Moreover the expenditure necessarily involved in the organization, maintenance, equipment, and direction overseas of these forces, is very great, and there is especial reason for using every effort to assure not only the highest degree of efficiency and the most thorough and prompt co-operation of the overseas forces of Canada with those of the Mother Country, and of the other Dominions of the Empire, but also the most economical and careful administration of the means which are appropriated for the purpose.

The Prime Minister is informed that before the 1st November, 1916, the forces despatched by Canada for overseas service in Europe will number not less than 256,000.



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Enlistment is proceeding; there are large forces in training in Canada which will be despatched as soon as they are prepared, and the responsibility connected with the raising, equipment, training, outfitting, and transporting of these troops is in itself so great that it seems advisable to relieve the Department of Militia and Defence of the administration of the forces overseas and to establish a ministry in London, immediately in touch with His Majesty's Government and conveniently situated with relation to the theatre of effective operations, to be charged with the administration of the military affairs overseas for which Your Excellency's Government is responsible, as well as the expenditure connected with those affairs and the negotiations and arrangements incident to that branch of the service.

For these reasons, the Prime Minister recommends for the sanction of Your Excellency—in the execution of the powers conferred by the War Measures Act—the draft regulations or ordinance herewith submitted.

The Committee concur in the foregoing and submit the same for approval.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,

*Clerk of the Privy Council.*

ORDINANCE FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS MILITARY FORCES OF CANADA.

1. There shall be, so long as the present European war continues and thereafter until otherwise directed by the Governor in Council, a Minister of Overseas Military Forces of Canada, who shall be charged with the control of and shall be responsible for the administration of the affairs of the military forces of Canada in the United Kingdom and on the continent of Europe; the ordnance, arms, ammunition armouries, stores, munitions, and habiliments of war belonging to Canada in the United Kingdom and on the continent of Europe appropriated for the use of the overseas military forces of Canada and all expenditure incurred in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in Europe for or in respect of the overseas military forces of Canada; the aforesaid powers and duties of the administration to include without limiting their generality, all powers and duties in connection with the troops, property, and expenditure aforesaid heretofore exercised by or charged upon the Minister of Militia and Defence.

2. The Minister shall, for the convenience of administration, and in order to expedite the transaction of the business with which he is charged, ordinarily reside and discharge his duties in London and in urgent matters of importance which would generally be subject to consideration and direction, upon the Minister's report, by the Governor in Council, the Minister may, if the time or means for communication do not admit of antecedent authority from the Governor in Council, sanction provisionally such measures as may seem to him advisable, subject, however, to report and the confirmation of the Minister's action by the Governor in Council.

3. The Minister shall, moreover, be charged with the negotiations on the part of the Government of Canada, as occasion may require, with His Majesty's Government, in all matters connected with the Government, command, and disposition of the overseas forces of Canada, and such arrangements as may be advisable for co-ordinating their operations and services with those of His Majesty's troops, and generally for the purpose of utilizing the overseas forces of Canada in the most effective manner for the purposes of the war.

4. The Minister shall, moreover, execute such further powers and perform such other duties as may be from time to time conferred upon or assigned to him by the Governor in Council.

5. The Minister may for the purposes aforesaid establish such organization as may be found necessary and adequate, and he may, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, appoint such officers and clerks to assist in the work of his Ministry as he



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deems necessary, with such grades in the Civil Service of Canada as may be prescribed and such officers and clerks shall not be subject to examination under the Civil Service Act.

6. There may be an advisory council, consisting of such members as the Governor in Council may appoint, to advise the Minister as to matters relating to the affairs and property hereby committed to his administration.

7. All recommendations of the Minister for submission to the Governor in Council shall be transmitted through the President of the Privy Council.

8. Until Parliament otherwise provides, the Minister shall hold his office, commission, or employment without any salary, fees, wages, allowances, emolument, or other profit of any kind attached thereto.

9. The expression "Minister" shall, for the purposes of this ordinance, if there be nothing repugnant in the subject-matter or context, mean the Minister of Overseas Military Forces of Canada.

P.C. 2656.

*Certified Copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Administrator on the 31st October, 1916.*

The Committee of the Privy Council, on the recommendation of the Right Honourable Sir Robert Laird Borden, the Prime Minister, advise that, pursuant to the provisions of the ordinance of His Excellency the Administrator in Council of the 28th day of October, 1916, Honourable Sir George Halsey Perley, be appointed Minister of Overseas Military Forces from Canada in the United Kingdom, to exercise the functions and perform the duties of the said office as set out in the said Ordinance.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,

*Clerk of the Privy Council.*



